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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
SC Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Terreni,

I have recently been informed of Docket No. 2007-445-A in reference to the proposed Transportation Regulations for patients needing stretcher transportation.

The proposed regulations indicate that stretcher vans would not be used for patients who require medical monitoring. I can not think of any patient in a SNF facility that doesn't need medical monitoring! Even if transportation is used for follow physician visits or diagnostic testing, our patients are acutely ill and need transportation provided by skilled professionals.

If DHEC requires SNF facilities to provide licensed nurses 24/7, why would the medical needs of these patients not be important when being transported for medical appointments?

The purpose of this letter is to request your reconsideration in the proposed regulation which supports untrained drivers that are "not required or authorized to provide medical monitoring, medical aid, medical care or medical treatment of passengers during their transport". This mode of transportation is inappropriate for patients requiring skilled care services. I can only imagine the liability issues if this regulation is passed.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Cliett
Executive Director

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